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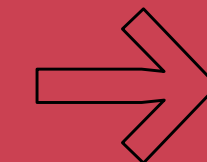
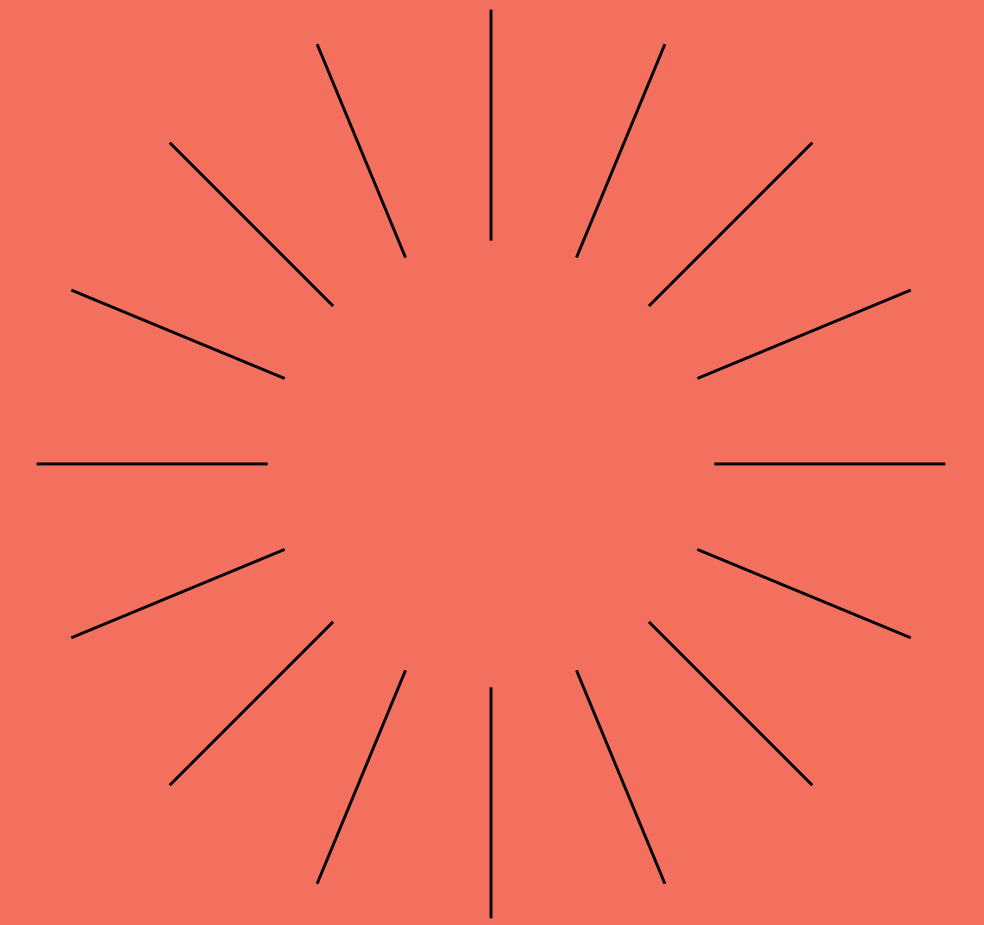
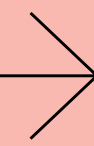
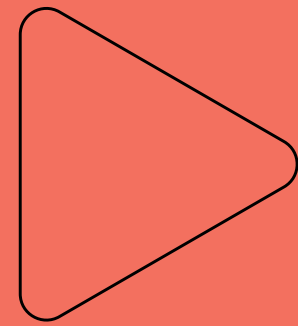
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The Ministry of Foreign Affairs, in cooperation with the Latvian Platform for Development Cooperation, is organising an international conference on 3 October this year, dedicated to the 25th anniversary of The Development Cooperation of Latvia.

The aim of the conference is to provide an overview of Latvia's achievements over 25 years, highlighting examples of good practice and their impact, as well as to organise a discussion on current development cooperation priorities determined by Latvian foreign policy.

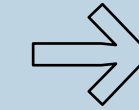
Latvian-English translation will be available at the event.



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8:30–9:00



Registration and morning coffee

9:00–9:20



Opening of the Conference. 25 years of Development Cooperation of Latvia: national and international impact

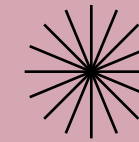
Baiba Braže, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Latvia

Zane Petre, Head of European Commission Representation in Latvia

Carsten Staur, Chair, OECD Development Assistance Committee (OECD DAC)

Moderator: **Ivita Burmistre**, Under-Secretary of State for Economic Affairs,
Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Latvia

9:20–10:20



Overview of partners: achievements and opportunities for cooperation

Ieva Rācenāja, Director of the Riga Graduate School of Law

Kaspars Gorkšs, Director General of the Employers' Confederation of Latvia

Mudīte Juhna, Secretary General of the Latvian Association of Local and Regional Governments

Jānis Lielpēteris, Board Member of the Latvian Chamber of Commerce and Industry

Inese Vaivare, Director of the Latvian Platform for Development Cooperation

Anita Krūmiņa, Director of the Central Finance and Contracting Agency

Moderator: **Āris Ādlers**, Local Innovation Development expert

9:20–11:00



Overview of partner countries: examples of good practice and their impact

Egita Lase, Director of the Economic Relations and Development Cooperation Policy Department,
Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Latvia

Eugen Levco, Head of the International Cooperation Department of the General Inspectorate
of Border Police of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Moldova

Zhanna Sherstiuk, Deputy Head of the Chernihiv Regional State Administration

Farzona Khashimova, National Gender Equality Coordinator, ACTED, Uzbekistan

Moderator: **Āris Ādlers**, Local Innovation Development expert

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11:00–11:30



Coffee break

11:30–13:00



Panel discussion. Development cooperation as a foreign policy tool: future global challenges and practical solutions

Andrejs Pildegovičs, Ambassador-at-Large at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs,
Director of the Task Force for the Latvian candidature to the United Nations Security Council
Andris Piebalgs, Professor at the European University Institute,
Former European Commissioner for Development
Sara Strack, Director of Forus
Klen Jäärats, Executive Director of the Estonian Development Cooperation Agency

Moderator: **Inese Vaivare**, Director of the Latvian Platform for Development Cooperation

13:00–14:00



Lunch

14:00–15:30



Panel discussion. Digital projects for development and resilience

Tālis Juhna, Rector of Riga Technical University
Jackie Malomba, Board member of the Kenya Association of Women Business
Alise Gurenko, Riga TechGirls Startup Program Director
Kaspars Kauliņš, Chair of the Board, Latvian IT Cluster, International Business Development
Director at TILDE

Moderator: **Miks Muižarājs**, development cooperation expert

15:30–16:00



Closing remarks and acknowledgements